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**MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION**

**SUBJECT: Commanding General's Policy Memorandum 06-19 (Safety), Motorcycle Safety Operations, Training and Licensing Requirements for Personnel Redeploying or on R&R**

1. Purpose. To exercise the authority granted under USASETAF Regulation 190-2, paragraph 2-21, Traffic Supervision and Privately Owned Vehicle Operator Licenses, 4 May 05, and to establish motorcycle operations, training and licensing requirements for personnel that are redeploying or taking R&R from Afghanistan or Iraq. These requirements are to ensure all personnel are appropriately trained and licensed to meet the challenges and risks of motorcycle operations within theater.
2. Applicability. This policy applies to all personnel (Soldiers, civilian, or contractors) who are redeploying from Afghanistan or Iraq or are taking R&R from those areas that are assigned to installations under the command and control of the Commanding General, United States Army Southern European Task Force Rear (Airborne) (Provisional). A motorcycle subject to this policy is any motorcycle or moped, regardless of engine size.
3. General. Motorcycle accidents continue to occur at an alarming rate throughout the Army and the Army in Europe. These accidents have involved junior enlisted, mid-level NCOs, senior NCOs, and junior officers. The common ingredients have been excessive speed, poor judgment, and a lack of experience. Experience has also shown that excessive speed, lack of judgment, concentration, and deterioration of driving skills result from periods of deployment. While SETAF has been fortunate in not having a motorcycle fatality in over two years, we have lost personnel to needless/preventable motorcycle accidents in the past. We must continuously identify systemic causes and individual behaviors that contribute to motorcycle accidents and take all appropriate mitigating measures to prevent reoccurrences within SETAF.
4. Effective immediately, redeploying personnel's SETAF Motorcycle Licenses will be suspended until they have attended the Motorcycle Safety Foundation (MSF) Course. Additionally, personnel on R&R or leave from Afghanistan or Iraq are prohibited from operating a motorcycle anywhere while on R&R or leave. During reintegration, SETAF POV licenses will be reissued without the Motorcycle Endorsement. Personnel who do not have a current MSF Card are prohibited from operating a motorcycle anywhere.

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5. The provisions of USAG Vicenza, Policy Memorandum 06-31 (Safety), 17 Sep 05, subject: Privately Owned Vehicles and Non-Tactical Government Vehicle Licensing Requirements, remain in effect.

6. Enforcement of this policy is a chain of command responsibility. Commanders or immediate supervising officer to the personnel holding an MSF Card should act in accordance with USASETAF Regulation 190-2, paragraph 2-21, as a "suspending authority" to effect a discretionary suspension of the privilege to operate a motorcycle on redeployment until the redeploying personnel satisfy the conditions of paragraph 4 of this policy. This policy will remain in effect until rescinded.



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